REQUEST FORM AND FORMALITIES PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)



Attorney Docket No. P63190US

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This is a request for filing the attached [x] continuation or [] divisional or [] continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of prior application number 10/233,678, filed September 4, 2002, for PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR INKING AN ENGRAVED PRINTING PLATE FROM AN INK TANK, by inventor(s):

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Enclosed is a copy of the prior application including the inventorship declaration as originally filed.

- 1. [] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 2. [] Cancel claims * before calculating the filing fee.
- 3. [] The filing fee is calculated as follows on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended by 1 and/or 2 above.

Fee Calculation										
Excess Claims										
	Nº of	Nº		Excess	Small Entity Fee			Large Entity Fee		
	Claims	Α	Allowed		Claims	fee/cla	<u>im</u>	<u>total</u>	fee/claim	<u>total</u>
Total	21	θ	20	=	1	⊗\$9	=	\$9	⊗\$18 =	\$18
Ind.	3	Φ	3	=	0	⊗ \$42	=	\$0	⊗ \$84 =	\$0
[] Multiple Dependent Claims (1st Filing)					⊕\$140) =		⊕ \$280 =		
Excess Claims Fee								\$		\$
Filing Fee								\$		\$
Other:								\$		\$
Total Fee Due							\$0		\$	

- 4. [] Payment Form PTO-2038 (credit card) for \$394 is attached.
 - [] Charge \$* to Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

5.	[X]	This	application is filed without filing fee under 37 CFR 1.53(f).				
6.	[x]	Amend the specification by inserting at page 1, before the first line:					
			This is a continuation of application no. 10/233,678 filed September 4, 2002				
		[x]	which is a continuation of application no. 09/196,249, filed November 20, 1998.				
		[]	which is a * of application no. */*, filed *				
		[]	which is a 371 of application no. PCT/*/*, filed *, and published in *				
			the disclosure of the foregoing being incorporated by reference herein.				
7.	[x]	Small entity status:					
		[]	A small entity statement is enclosed.				
		[x]	A small entity statement was filed in the prior non-provisional application and such status is still proper and desired.				
		[]	Is no longer claimed.				
8.	[x]	Priority under 35 USC 119 is claimed to application number BE 09700937 filed November 21, 1997, in BELGIUM.					
		[x]	Certified copy on file in prior application no. 09/196,249.				
		[]	Certified copy filed herewith.				
9.	[x]	The p	prior application is assigned of record to PRINTING INTERNATIONAL N.V.				
10.	[x]	The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following:					
		William E. Player, 31,409; John Clarke Holman, 22,769; Harvey B. Jacobson, Jr., 20,851; D. Douglas Price, 24,514; Marvin R. Stern, 20,640; Michael R. Slobasky, 26,421; Jonathan L. Scherer, 29,851; Irwin M. Aisenberg, 19,007.					
		[x]	The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.				
		[]	Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.				

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11.	[x]	Petition to extend the life of the above prior application to at least the date hereof

(One box) [x] is being concurrently filed in that prior application.

NOTE:(must be) [] was previously filed in that application.

(X'd) [] is not necessary.

If a petition for extension of time is necessary and the petition and/or fee is not enclosed, the commissioner is petitioned to extend the time for response and authorized to charge any fees necessary under 37 CFR 1.17 (a)(1)-(5) to Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

- 12. [] Formal drawings are enclosed.
- 13. [x] Enclosed is a copy of each Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Form PTO 1449 of record in each prior application relied on for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.
- 14. [x] Enclosed is a copy each Form PTO 892 of record in each prior application relied on for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.

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